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SUBJECT: DRAFT ARCE PROTOCOL TO 1962 USG/ARE CULTURAL AGREEMENT

REF: A. CAIRO 1669, 8 JULY 1971

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1. SINCE LAST SUMMER (SEE CAIRO 2110), AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER OF EGYPT (ARCE) HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MFA OFFICE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS TO RENEGOTIATE TERMS OF AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH ARCE WAS ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW IT TO SPONSOR ACTIVITY IN FIELDS OTHER THAN ARCHEOLOGY.

2. AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THIS PROCESS, ARCE HAS ARRANGED FOR THE MFA OFFICE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE ON DECEMBER 22 AN INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN ARCE DRAFT PROTOCOL TO BE ATTACHED TO 1962 CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND EGYPT.

3. ARCE EXPECTS INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO RETURN COMMENTS ON DRAFT PROTOCOL TO ARCE AFTER MEETING AND SET A DATE FOR FINAL MEETING ON PROTOCOL WITHIN A TWO-MONTH TIME FRAME.

4. AFTER PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH MFA, ARCE THOUGHT IT BEST, IN ORDER TO UNDERScore ARCE'S PRIVATE NATURE, THAT ARCE PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR JOHN WILSON, SIGN PROTOCOL INSTEAD OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND/OR UNDER SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS IN MFA WILL PROBABLY

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5. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE BELIEVE SUGGESTED ARCE PROCEDURE IS SATISFACTORY AND PROPOSE GIVE ARCE GREEN LIGHT. AUC USED SAME APPROACH WITH THEIR PROTOCOL (SEE CAIRO 1669, 8 JULY 1971) AND SEEMS SATISFIED.

6. USINT WILL POUCH COPIES OF ARCE DRAFT PROTOCOL AND ARE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1418/1960 CONCERNING FOREIGN CULTURAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES TO DEPARTMENT.
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